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### **2016 Fairfield Green Business Awards**

**Fairfield, California (Monday, May 9, 2016)**—The City of Fairfield, working with Republic Services, presented the Fairfield Green Business Awards at its May 3 City Council meeting. The Green Business Awards allow the City to showcase businesses, schools, and agencies that are successfully achieving amazing things to help our city become more sustainable, and demonstrating that “Being Green” is a viable business practice. For 2016, Green Business Awards were presented to Gone for Good, Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District, and Center Elementary School.

Gone for Good, a nonprofit company operated by United Cerebral Palsy of the North Bay, provides complete document destruction services, and employs 72 adults from Fairfield, with developmental disabilities.. Revenues generated from the business help to support other programs for people with disabilities. Since 2014, local organizations have collaborated with Gone for Good to provide free, monthly, confidential paper shredding, e-waste, and used clothing drop-off events for local businesses and residents. To date, Gone for Good has held 15 free collection events, shredded and recycled over 39 tons of paper, recycled 17 tons of e-waste, and repurposed 1 ton of used clothing through their thrift stores.

The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District recycling program goes beyond recycling paper and plastics. They generate much of the energy used on-site with solar panels and wind turbines. In 2015, their facility recycled 400 million gallons of wastewater. The recycled wastewater is used to water their outdoor landscaping, for dust control on construction projects, at the local landfill, and for irrigation at a turf farm. The Fairfield-Suisun Sewer District also recycles their bio-solids, which is the organic matter removed during the sewer treatment process.

Center Elementary School, under the leadership of their Principal Mr. Mc Callister, increased the amount of recycling at the school to almost five tons in 2015, doubling their recycling rate in just three years. With the support from the Travis Unified School District, Center Elementary started a food waste collection program in January 2014. The district decided to purchase compostable trays, and eliminated foam food trays as part of their food collection program districtwide. They worked with the cafeteria staff, facility, and students to establish food collection waste stations at breakfast and lunch. In addition, older students assist younger students with recycling their food.

The City of Fairfield and Republic Services would like to congratulate the 2016 Fairfield Green Business Award winners!

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